

Child Development Coordinating Council Minutes November 19, 2014

Attending

Voting Members Present: Mary Groen, Erin Clancy, Lance Roorda, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl (arrived at 11:30), Colleen Dunn, Betty Zan (via conference call – disconnected at approximately 1:30 pm)

Voting Members Absent: Julie Ingersoll, Carla Peterson, Peg Macek

Non-Voting Members Present: Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Cathy Wheatcraft

Non-Members Absent: Tom Rendon, Tracey Mavis

Staff to Council: Diane Moore and Amy Stegeman

Major Discussion Points

The meeting was called to order by Mary Groen, Council Chair.

Approval of September 18, 2013 Minutes

Mary asked for any comments or edits to the September 2014 minutes. Jeannie asked for the attendance to be corrected to show that she had been in attendance at the meeting. When a quorum was present in the afternoon, Mary requested a motion regarding the September minutes.

LauraBelle moved to approve the September minutes, seconded by Lance. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Program Updates: Amy Stegeman, Diane Moore

Preschool:

- Amy shared that all year end reports had been approved and second quarter payments were sent out. There had been some issues with the year-end reporting system as it was migrated to the Portal, leaving approximately 1/3 of grantees unable to access the report. Alternate routes and instructions were provided so all reports could be completed but there was a delay in collecting all the data. Considerations for the future to find improvements while considering any unintended consequences will continue to be examined.

Parent Support:

- Diane shared that all year end reports had been approved and second quarter payments were sent out. A brief statement was made regarding the need to continue working on a single system for data collection in the state. The current system isn't providing data as hoped at this point.

Early Childhood Department Updates: Amy Stegeman

Department of Education:

- Preschool/Kindergarten: In response to questions from the field, webinars were provided by the Department last week to provide clarification on program requirements for 5-year-olds, including funding, learning standards, universal screening. There is a guidance document on the Early Literacy Implementation webpage and a recording of the webinar.
- Child Care Standards: 279.49 allows school districts to operate or contract for child care services – they must be either licensed by DHS or meet standards adopted by the state board of education (Iowa Quality Infant Toddler Program Standards/Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards). The Department became aware of a number of programs that are not licensed by DHS and state they are following DE standards. It was determined that this needed to be monitored so the DE developed a desk audit process and conducted it in

September this year. The committee working on this project are currently determining the next steps and the follow up needed based on results of the desk audits.

- ELI/IGDI's: The department offered training to those districts/programs interested in the implementation of IGDI's. Three training dates were offered in October and it was voluntary for programs to attend. There was a large number of participants across the three days and there are programs asking when more trainings will occur. This is voluntary and not required for programs/districts to implement. In December, the AEA Leadership Network members and others will participate in a meeting where interpreting the IGDI's data for appropriate use in programs will be discussed.
- GOLD procedures document: An assessment task group worked to provide clarifying information to early childhood programs using TS GOLD. A guidance document was created and posted on the SWVPP webpage. It can be utilized by other programs as well who may function under the state license with TS GOLD. We have discussed creating a webpage specific to Assessment or GOLD since it is now required by law. This would make it easier to find by programs who are not SWVPP.
- Update on Preschool Development Grants (federal grant): A federal expansion grant – Iowa would be eligible for \$12.5 million each year for four years, depending on appropriations. The grant closely resembled the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grants. The applicant would be the Governor's Office who determined Iowa would not be applying. One main barrier may have been the need to ensure a state match of new funds. Current funds already used for preschool programming in the state could not be considered as part of the match.

Department of Human Services:

- Erin Clancy provided information on federal child care legislation and a bill that had recently passed. There will be updates to requirements for inspections, regulation, and quality improvements to centers. The impact will be greater for programs receiving child care assistance. Some examples of new requirements or changes include a shift from work support to meeting the child's needs in a quality way, changing to 12 months of assistance, requiring pre-service for staff and certain number of in-service offerings, all states will need to do finger prints and background checks, and quality set aside is increasing from 4% to 9%. Some items in law are required and there is a wait for guidance on these, but there are other items that are recommended. Most changes will be occurring in FY17.

Review of Preschool Application in IowaGrants.gov: Amy Stegeman

The Council reviewed information regarding the FY16 Shared Visions Preschool Application that is available to the public on the Department website. There was a brief review of the guidance documents and an application in Iowa Grants, including the areas of the scoring rubric where the Council provided input and the alignment with law/rule.

Review of Parent Support Application Documents: Diane Moore

Diane provided handouts for use only during the meeting, reminding everyone to return them prior to leaving. The handouts included a draft of the scoring rubric and a list of the application components. Members read through the documents and provided feedback and suggestions for changes with the main discussion and suggestions relative to the scoring rubric.

CDCC Member Updates:

- **Erin**: 22,000 users of Child Care Registry, users are required to choose a job category after they log into the system
- **Lance**: Maternal Infant Early childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grants will expand services from 18 to 25 high risk communities; with additions it will be more than 50% of children under 5 years to build onto home visiting services; mental health is also a focus; professionals will be providing consultation with families in all of

the 25 counties now; addressing pay and support for professionals own mental health; competitive grant due next month; work force study – meeting to discuss wages and need for raises

- **Mary:** GOLD checkpoint for fall has occurred; IGDIs training for AEA Leadership is coming up in December; all first round SWVPP have been verified; this is the first year for visiting ECSE programs that are not part of SWVPP; IQPPS desk audits will happen in February and are aligned with the school improvement visit calendar
- **Cathy:** reported that duplication of services is being discussed among legislators for EC services
- **Jeannie:** no updates
- **Colleen:** no updates
- **LauraBelle:** no updates
- **Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) State Board Meeting:** the state board held a retreat with the review of roles and responsibilities, as well as a review and recommendations for updating the strategic plan
- **Diane:** ECI update: everyone has gone through one round of Levels of Excellence review, and round two is now starting; TA provided as needed to improve and meet compliance levels

Public Comment: None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned. There was no longer a quorum present for a motion to be carried.

Future Meeting Agenda Items

Review and make recommendations for funding SV Preschool Programs based on the review of FY16 applications

Future Meeting Dates

The Council determined the meeting scheduled for January 21, 2015 (Conference Call, 10:00 – 12:00 noon) would be moved to February 25, 2015. It would be planned as an in-person meeting but changed to conference call if needed.